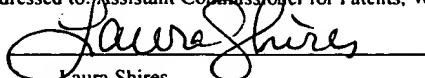


CERTIFICATE OF MAILING BY "EXPRESS MAIL"

Express Mail Label No.: EL569178559US

Date of Deposit: November 21, 2000

I hereby certify that this paper or fee is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 C.F.R. § 1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

  
Laura Shires

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of:

Russell A. HOUSER et al.

Serial No.: To Be Assigned

Filing Date: Herewith

For: ANASTOMOTIC CONNECTOR FOR  
SUTURELESS ANASTOMOSIS  
SYSTEMS

Examiner: To Be Assigned

Group Art Unit: To Be Assigned

PRZ #2  
Amend  
a

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

BOX PATENT APPLICATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

The above-referenced application is a divisional under 35 U.S.C. §121 of Application Number 09/329,503. These claims are filed pursuant to a Restriction Requirement issued by the Examiner (Paper No. 6). Prior to examination on the merits, applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be entered and considered.